# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:84
ANSWERED ON:16.11.2016
Reconstituted Zones and Divisions
Sharma Shri Jugal Kishore

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the railways has reconstituted zones and Divisions in the country or has taken any final decision on the recommendation made by the committee set up for reconstitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken;

(c) whether the said committee has taken regional and geographical components more into account than administrative as well as operational components for ensuring universal development/extension of railways in all over the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the railways for giving more importance to regional/geographical components while taking decision on the reconstitution?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.84 BY SHRI JUGAL KISHORE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING RECONSTITUTION OF ZONES AND DIVISIONS

(a) & (b): Reorganisation of Indian Railways has been carried out from time to time keeping in view the administrative and operational requirements. A Committee was constituted in 2012 to examine requests for creation of new zones and divisions. The Committee in its report, concluded that none of the requests for creation of new zones and divisions is feasible.

(c) to (e): New Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view various factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operational/ administrative requirements, consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. The Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways are neither based on the State/District boundaries nor are created on the basis of regional/geographical considerations.

The said Committee was constituted to analyse the large number of requests, which had been received from various State Governments, Union Ministers, Members of Parliament/MLAs, etc. for the creation of new Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways, from various angles of railway working like operational, financial, administrative and staff related issues etc. and examine the feasibility of creation of the proposed new Zones/Divisions.
The Committee had submitted its report after examining the requests from these angles.
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